

Topical Heading

School Improvement

Program Title

Magnet Schools Assistance

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.165A

Administering Office

Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

Who May Apply (by category)

Local Education Agencies

Who May Apply (specifically)

Only (LEAs) or consortia of LEAs that are implementing court-ordered or federally approved voluntary desegregation plans that include magnet schools are eligible to apply. Private schools do not participate in this program.

Current Competitions

None. FY 2006 funds support continuation awards only. Next competition expected: FY 2007.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004 \$108,640,218

Fiscal Year 2005 \$107,770,880

Fiscal Year 2006 \$106,693,290

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of Continuation Awards: 52

Average Continuation Award: \$2,070,000

Range of Continuation Awards: \$201,000–\$3,300,000

Legislative Citation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title V, Part C; 20 U.S.C. 7231–7231j.

Program Regulations

34 *CFR* 280

Program Description

These grants assist in the desegregation of public schools by supporting the elimination, reduction, and prevention of minority group isolation in elementary and secondary schools with substantial numbers of minority group students. In order to meet the statutory purposes of the program, projects also must support the development and implementation of magnet schools that assist in the achievement of systemic reforms and provide all students with the opportunity to meet challenging academic content and student academic achievement standards. Projects support the development and design of innovative education methods and practices that promote diversity and increase choices in public education programs. The program supports capacity development—the ability of a school to help all its students meet more challenging standards—through professional development and other activities that will enable the continued operation of the magnet schools at a high performance level after funding ends. Finally, the program supports the implementation of courses of instruction in magnet schools that strengthen students' knowledge of academic subjects and their grasp of tangible and marketable vocational skills.

Types of Projects

Magnet schools offer a wide range of distinctive education programs. Some emphasize academic subjects such as math, science, technology, language immersion, visual and performing arts, or humanities. Others use specific instructional approaches, such as Montessori methods, or approaches found in international baccalaureate programs or early college programs.

Education Level (by category)

K-12

Subject Index

Academic Achievement, Magnet Schools, Minority Groups, School Desegregation

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